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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ARTICLES CLAIM US POLICY IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA "FAVORS WHITES"

REF: CAPE TOWN 0546, NAIROBI 7965

1. PRESS REPORTS CLAIMING US POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
"FAVORS WHITES" AND THAT US HAD RELAXED ARMS EMBARGO ON
SOUTH AFRICA PERMITTING SALES OF HELICOPTERS, LEAR JETS
AND HERBICIDES (REFTELS) HAVE ALSO APPEARED IN PRESS HERE.
DAILY TELEGRAPH, ON SEPTEMBER 18, CLAIMED POLICY
OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON WAS TO "TILT" IN FAVOR OF
WHITE REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND AWAY FROM "STRONG
TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION BY BLACK POPULA-
TIONS." TELEGRAPH FURTHER CLAIMS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
REFERRED TO THIS POLICY AS "COMMUNICATION", MEANING MAINTENANCE
OF FORMAL, IF NOT CORDIAL RELATIONS, WHILE MAKING CLEAR
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AMERICA'S ABHORRENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICIES TO INDUCE

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SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO CHANGE.

2. PRESS STORIES WERE BASED ON TAD SZULC'S ARTICLE IN OCTOBER ESQUIRE. GUARDIAN, ON SEPTEMBER 14, CLAIMED SZULC HAD SAID CIA AND SOUTH AFRICAN SECRET SERVICES "COOPERATED CLOSELY" UNDER TERMS OF SECRET INTELLIGENCE AGREEMENT. GUARDIAN ALSO NOTES THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAD DENIED REPORTS IN JOHANNESBURG THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY AND THAT US HAD DECIDED TO SELL HELICOPTERS AND COMMERCIAL JETS TO THAT COUNTRY.

3. GUARDIAN REPORTER, HELLA PICK, TROTTED OUT EARLIER REPORTS THAT CINCLANT IS NOW PREPARING SECRET CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN.

4. BOTH PAPERS CLAIM SZULC'S ARTICLE BASED ON SECRET WHITE HOUSE DOCUMENT DRAWN UP IN 1970, WHICH THEY SAY WAS GIVEN PEJORATIVE EPITHET OF "TAR BABY."

5. TEXT BOTH ARTICLES BEING POUCHED AF/P.ANNENBERG

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